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CROOKED CREEK AREA SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE SANITARY SEWER CAPACITY, ALLOWING THOUSANDS TO CONNECT

New Belmont North Relief Interceptor to Improve Water Quality, Achieve Savings

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard will introduce plans for the Crooked Creek Area Sewer Improvements project, one of the city's largest initiatives to improve public infrastructure, on Tuesday, March 24 at 9 a.m.

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) will construct the new, seven-mile Belmont North Relief Interceptor in the Crooked Creek area on the northwest side of Indianapolis. The new sanitary interceptor will provide sewer capacity needed to accommodate population growth and also will allow thousands of homes to abandon failing septic systems and connect to the sewer as part of the Septic Tank Elimination Program (STEP). From 2009 to 2013, the city plans to bring sewers to more than 7,000 homes currently on septic systems, and nearly 30 percent of these homes are located in the Crooked Creek area. Though the new interceptor must be completed before these homes can connect, design and construction of these STEP projects will occur concurrently with the construction of the new interceptor.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 24, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Juan Solomon Park, 6100 Grandview Drive, Indianapolis

VISUALS: Mayor Ballard, DPW Director David Sherman, DPW Chief Engineer Steve Nielsen, Office of Sustainability Director Kären Haley and neighborhood representatives will discuss project benefits and the anticipated timeline for design and construction. City-County Councillors and Board of Public Works members also have been invited to attend.

The Crooked Creek Area Sewer Improvements project is part of the city's Clean Streams-Healthy Neighborhoods program, which is designed to curb raw sewage overflows into rivers and streams, address chronic flooding, eliminate failing septic tanks and improve quality of life in Indianapolis neighborhoods.

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